

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8, 18, 22, and 24-28 are currently pending, with claims 1 and 18 being independent. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-5, 8, 27, and 28 are allowable.

Claims 24 and 25 have been amended in response to the rejection of claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 25.

Entry of this amendment is believed proper under 37 CFR §1.116 and MPEP §714.12 because the amendments place the claims in better condition for appeal and because the amendments remove issues for appeal. Thus, the foregoing amendment does not present any new issue requiring further consideration or search in view of the Examiner's familiarity with this application.

No fee is believed due. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 061050.

Respectfully submitted,

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